

Dorchester - 601
Thompson Chapel (Methodist) Site-2
Thompsontown Rd.
Thompsontown, MD

1878, 1903

Access:Public

The present version of Thompson Chapel was built in 1903. It stands 30' from the east side of Thompsontown Rd. and faces west.. Thompsontown is a black community in northern Dorchester County. It is named for a black family named Thompson that once owned a farm in the area. The chapel has been a center of black life in this community for many years. It was originally located across the road from the present site. Part of the original building was used for a primary school and is now located on the southeast corner of the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Thompson Chapel -Site 2

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Thompstontown Road

CITY, TOWN

Thompstontown

VICINITY OF

East New Market

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, Thompson Chapel
C/O Rev. Nelson Stanley

Telephone #: 943-4383

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

East New Market

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
MD, 21631**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dorchester Co. Court House

Liber #: CL 29

Folio #: 574

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION D-601

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 1903

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Thompson Chapel (Methodist) was built in 1903. It stands 30' from the east side of Thompsonstown Rd. at Thompsonstown. The chapel faces west. It is 32' across the front facade. It is 40' in depth and has an addition on the east end that is 15'. The building is gabled (east -west). It has four steps up (cement) to the double wooden front doors. There are 2 one-over-one rectangular windows (3'-clear-glass) in the front facade. There is a blocked lancet window 5' in the east gable. There is a small square open cupola atop the west gable. There are 3 5' lancet windows on the northside of the building. These windows have 4 panes of clear-glass (lower) and 10 panes of colored glass (upper...red, green & blue). There are four more of these identical windows on the south side of the building. At the east end of the chapel is a 4-paneld wooden door reached by eight cement steps. On the north side of the chapel is a house that was once used as the parsonage. On the east end of the property is the cemetery. There is a structure that once served as the hall. It was at one time used as a primary school. This building was once part of the structure on the west side of Thompsonstown Rd. that was the original chapel. This building is situated on the southeast corner of the property. I have included a photograph of it.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1878-1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Thompstontown is a black community in northern Dorchester County. It was founded towards the end of the Civil War. It is named for a black family named Thompson that owned a farm that bordered Thompsontown Road. At one time there were many black farmers in the area but they have turned to other work and the farms have been sold to whites in recent years. The Chapel has been a center of black life for many years. It was located across the road from the present site. Part of the original building was used as a primary school for black children and is still intact on the property.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

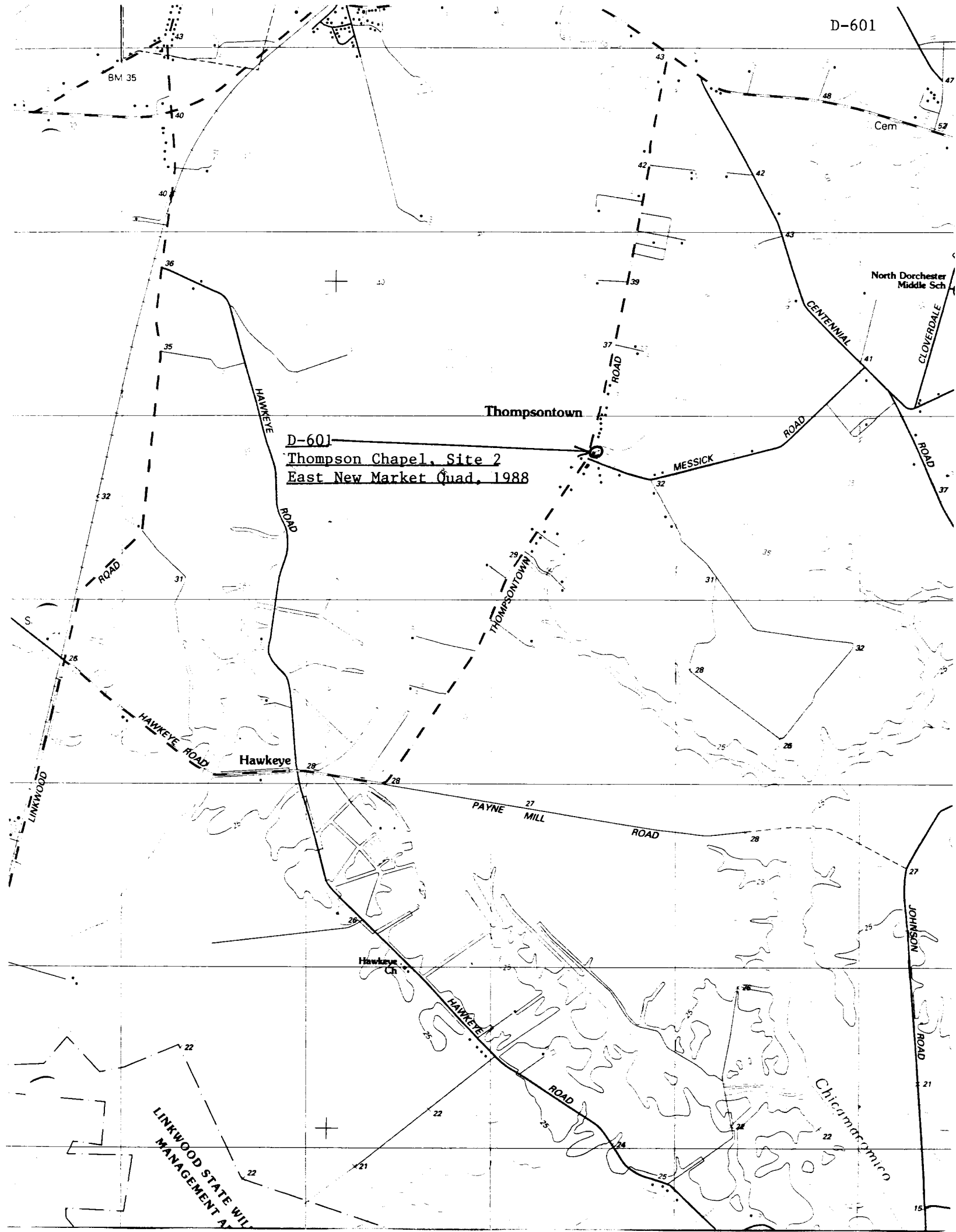
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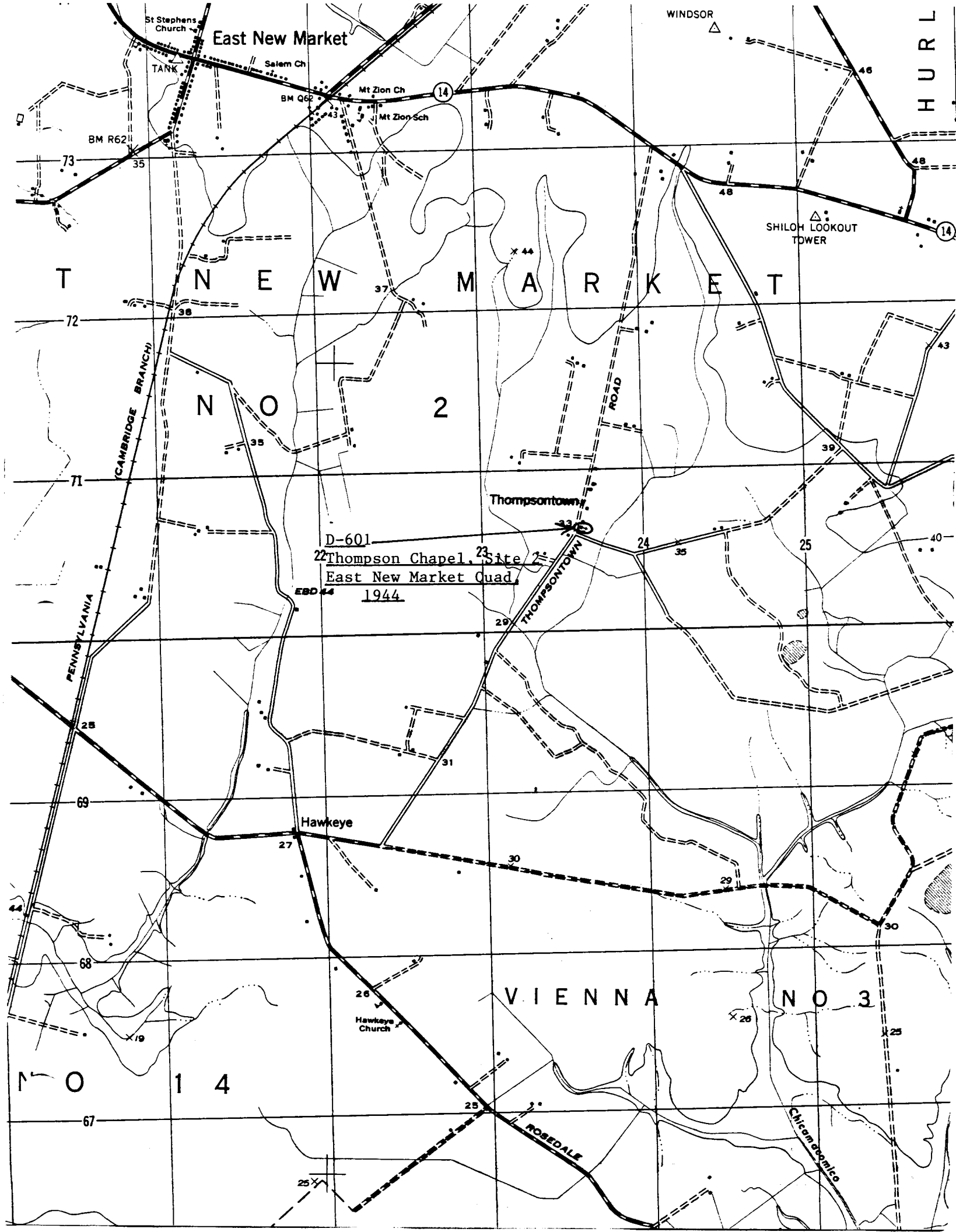
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East New Market

St Stephens Church

Salem Ch

Mt Zion Ch

Mt Zion Sch

BM R62

SHILOH LOOKOUT TOWER

T N E W M A R K E T

N O 2

D-601
Thompson Chapel Site
East New Market Quad
1944

Thompsonstown

THOMPSONTOWN

Hawkeye

Hawkeye Church

VIENNA

N O 3

N O 14

ROSEDALE

Chicomocino

East New Market

BM 43

Ma Zion Sch

Lockout Tower

Thompstontown

D-601
Thompson Chapel, Site 2
East New Market Quad, 1944, PR 1974

Hawkeye

Hawkeye Ch

280 000
FEET

RHODESDALE 2.2 MI

4271

35'

4270

4269

(RHODESDALE)
5861 III SE

4268

4267

32'30"

4266

25X



601

47%

Thompson Chapel, Site #2
Thompstontown, Dorchester County, MD
Michael Hosford

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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis,
Southwest elevation
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Thompson Chapel, Site #2 D-601
Thompstontown, Dorchester County, MD
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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Southeast elevation
2/81



Primary School, Thompson Chapel, #2 D-601
Thomsontown, Dorchester County, MD
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Northwest elevation
2/81